

A Resolution

NO. _____

SUPPORTING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT IMMIGRATION LAWS

WHEREAS, the United States is a country of immigrants, with a long-standing tradition of welcoming people from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the United States, through its history of immigration, is comprised of a diversity of cultures and world views with more than 42.4 million immigrants now living in the United States who have come to America seeking safety, economic opportunity and cultural expression; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Fort Worth, an estimated 17 percent of our residents are foreign born, adding to a diverse fabric of ethnicities, all living and thriving within our city limits; and

WHEREAS, cities all across the United States who have no jurisdiction or legal standing to address immigration are now finding it increasingly more difficult to provide stability in their communities because local law enforcement has become entangled with immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, because our police officers are not immigration officials, their relationship in immigrant communities is challenged by a strong sense of fear and distrust; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth has always followed federal immigration laws and cooperated with our state and federal partners; and

WHEREAS, regardless of immigration status, race, gender, ethnicity or economic status, everyone in Fort Worth deserves to live without fear; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly supports legislative action at the federal level that reforms our broken immigration system in a way that upholds civil and human rights of all migrants in the United States, while also protecting the sovereignty of the United States; and

WHEREAS, our Fort Worth Police Department will continue to uphold their oath to protect and serve all residents, and focus on targeting crime; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to working with civic and legal organizations to support all communities in Fort Worth, working toward policy at the state and national level consistent with our commitment to compassion and diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:



1. That the Police Chief and his officers are directed to uphold their oath to protect and serve all residents, regardless of immigration status, and focus on targeting crime.
2. The City is committed to working with civic and legal organizations to support all communities in Fort Worth, working toward policy at the state and national level consistent with our commitment to compassion and diversity.
3. The City Council will support legislative action at the federal level that reforms our broken immigration system in a way that upholds civil and human rights of all migrants in the United States, while also protecting the sovereignty of the United States.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2017.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mary Kayser, City Secretary

